

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gerald Edmund Bollinger and Mary Jean Dunn exchanged their wedding vows on December 22, 1953, in the Army Chapel in Kitzingen/Main, Germany; and,

Whereas, Gerald completed his USD law degree in January 1956, and Mary Jean, also a 1956 USD graduate, moved to Woonsocket, South Dakota, where Gerald began his law practice with the Jamison Agency in February 1956; and,

Whereas, Gerald and Mary Jean gave life and love to five children: Karen Ann, Debra Marie, Mark Thomas, Scott William, and Gregg Allen, and they and their spouses, in turn, have added seven grandchildren to the family tree; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Gerald and Mary Jean now spend the warmer months of the year in Lead, South Dakota, and the colder months of the year in Sun Lakes, Arizona, and their children will honor them with a reception to celebrate their 50th Anniversary on December 28, 2003, at Sun Lakes, Arizona; and,

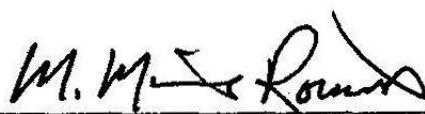
Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 22, 2003, as

GERALD & MARY JEAN BOLLINGER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State